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This Week in Wabash

Hello, Wabash,

I hope you're having a great Wednesday. It's a beautiful, clear fall day out there, so I hope you'll be able to get out this afternoon and enjoy it a bit. (Especially since I saw snow in the forecast this weekend. Rude, in my opinion.)

Anyway, as you probably already aware, tomorrow is Veterans Day. And if you know anything about Wabash, you know this community takes honoring those who served very seriously. So, I wanted to highlight some of the local festivities and commemorations in this week's newsletter.



Veterans Day services will be held at noon Thursday, Nov. 11 on the Wabash County Courthouse North Lawn. The schedule of events will include an invocation; the national anthem; remarks by Mayor Scott Long; remarks by Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; the laying of the wreath; remarks by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 commander Marty Schaaf; remarks by American Legion Post No. 15 commander Steve Conner; the flag ceremony and "Taps"; and the benediction.



Before that ceremony, though, the city and Visit Wabash County will hold the official dedication for the new Wabash County Hero Memorial at 11 a.m. just north of the Wabash Street bridge. The dedication will be led by Long and Pastor Todd Render and will conclude around 11:30 a.m. For those unable to attend the Hero Memorial dedication, 105.9 The Bash will offer a Facebook LIVE event. Nameplates are still available for purchase by visiting <u>visitwabashcounty.com</u>. Nameplates purchased before March 31, 2022 will be installed by Memorial Day 2022. The cost for each plate is \$100. For more information, call 260-563-7171 or email <u>tourism@visitwabashcounty.com</u>.

Also, during November all veterans will receive free admission to the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St., where they can view the Honor Wall exhibit and the Military exhibit as well as 90-plus additional exhibits that celebrate the history of Wabash County. The military exhibit features a video of several Wabash County veterans sharing their oral histories. The museum team would like to expand the collection of oral histories from veterans. On Wednesday, Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 17, veterans may schedule a private session to record their stories. This time may be scheduled by calling 260-563-9070 or stopping by the Welcome Desk. The museum is also collaborating with Living Well in Wabash County to offer a Senior Scavenger Hunt during November. Seniors can pick up their scavenger hunt form at the Welcome Desk. Answers are found in several museum exhibits as well as on

the windows of Living Well in Wabash County's downtown location, just across the street from the Museum. Completed forms will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket that includes gift cards from area businesses and a selection of Grandma's Fudge. For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org.

In addition to all that, I'd like to direct your attention to the print edition of today's Plain Dealer. Inside you'll find a special Veterans Day section, including a story about the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter, who chose to commemorate their group's 131st anniversary by honoring their chapter's namesake, Frances Slocum. It's a fascinating story, and I hope you'll check it out.



Well, that's all I have for you this week. Remember to take a moment to in some way honor those you know who served our country tomorrow, and every other day. Have a great rest of your day.

Best, Rob



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